

**Legislative Briefing: A Look at Mental Health Access and Protections on the
Local Level
Tuesday, May 21st
10 am to 11:30 am
Location: 2103 RHOB**

Dear Colleague:

We wanted to alert you and your staff about a May Mental Health Awareness Month briefing **on Tuesday, May 21st at 10 am in 2103 RHOB** on “A Look at Mental Health Access and Protections on the Local Level”.

While the federal government sets guidelines that state mental health systems must meet, states do have the power to expand upon these standards and offer increased access and protections. This means mental health services and regulations can look very different in each state and even each county. This briefing will examine how states and local governments (e.g. cities and counties) are working to create improved services that can serve as a guideline for Congress.

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Mental Health Parity: Tim Clement, MPH, Regional Director and Legislative Advisor, American Psychiatric Association; Debra E. Koss, M.D., President, New Jersey Psychiatric Association and Member, American Psychiatric Association Council on Advocacy & Government Relations**
- **Rural Suicide: Carol Moehrle, RN, BSN, Executive Director, North Central Idaho District County Department of Mental Health**
- **Firefighter Suicide: Deputy Chief William McCloud, Leadership and Professional Standards Bureau, Los Angeles County Fire Department**
- **Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) Waiver: Jennifer Snow, Director Public Policy, National Alliance on Mental Illness**
- **Mental Health Workforce Shortage: Carl Welliver, Legislative Analyst, Office of Federal Government Relations, University of California**
- **Child Psychiatry Access Line Program: Jeff Bostic, M.D., Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, DC MAP**
- **Workplace Initiatives & Corporate/Business Engagement: Taylor Adams, Manager of Workplace Mental Health, Mental Health America**

Sponsors of this briefing include: American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, National Alliance on Mental Illness, National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health, Mental Health America, American Psychiatric Association, National Association of County & City Health Officials, and American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Warm regards,

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